[Mr. Paul V. Daniel.]

MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Chief Inspector of Vernacular Schools to draw his attention to the remaining 13 applications from persons qualified in Tamil?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are no vacancies. There are 13 applications and as vacancies arise, these applicants will be posted to those vacancies.

Officers of South Travancore and Literacy in Tamil.

147. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to order that only officers who can read and write Tamil should be posted to South Travancore in future?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This may not be always feasible.

Arable Lands near the Cape.

148. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that there are still some tracts of land which are available for conversion into paddy lands on both sides of the road leading to the old Tattarippu Odai Salt Factory from the Cape Comorin-Panagudi road? Is it a fact that there will not be much difficulty in irrigating these lands by the *kal* under the Variyur Scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The lands available for conversion can be converted only gradually, as the full development of the scheme is possible only after the supply in the Nanjanad Puttanar channel is increased as the result of the improvements now going on.

Lands registered to depressed classes.

149. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres of *puduval* or *poramboke* lands were registered in the names of members of the depressed classes from Chingam to Edavam, 1098 in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): One acre and twelve cents of land.

Crimes registered in certain Police Stations.

150. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of crimes registered in the Bhutapandi Police Station from Chingam to Edavam, 1098 (inclusive); and

(2) the number of crimes registered in the Aramboly Police Station from Chingam to Edavam, 1098 (inclusive).

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MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2). The crimes filed in the Police Stations at Bhutapandi and Aramboly during the period number fourteen and twelve respectively.

Seaports of Colachel and Srimulapuram.

151. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to investigate the possibilities of developing the seaports at Colachel and Srimulapuram near Cape Comorin?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question of developing the port of Srimulapuram has engaged the attention of the Government, and as there is no trade at that port, it is not worth while spending any money on its improvement. The question of improving the port of Colachel is bound up with that of the extension of the railway from Trivandrum to Nagercoil and is engaging the attention of the Government.

Agricultural Loans in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

152. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of agricultural loans given in the Tovala and Agastisvaram taluks from Chingam to Edavam, 1098 (inclusive)?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement containing the information is given below:—

Taluk	*Amount disbursed.*		
	Rs.	Ch.	C.
Tovala	5,110	5	2
Agastisvaram	4,339	8	0

Report against certain Tahsildars.

153. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has brought to their notice that some of the Tahsildars are inefficient and unfit for their work; and

(*b*) if so, what the names of those Tahsildars are and what action has been taken by the Government on each of those reports?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Land Revenue Commissioner, as the head of his department, has to report to the Government such subordinate officers including Tahsildars as do not do satisfactory work.

(*b*) Government cannot furnish the information.

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